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At the late annual meeting of the national convention of the F. A. and I. U., held at Ocala, Florida, a plan of organizing congressional district alliances was recommended, to act as an adjunct to the State Alliance. Therefore I recommend the call for a congressional district alliance convention to be held at the various places and times of meeting in the several districts as follows:

First Congressional District—Valley Falls, January 11, 1891.
Second Congressional District—Ottawa, January 22, 1891.
Third Congressional District—Cherry Vale, January 17, 1891.
Fourth Congressional District—Emporia, January 17, 1891.
Fifth Congressional District—Clay Center, January 12, 1891.
Sixth Congressional District—Stockton, February 7, 1891.
Seventh Congressional District—Hutchinson, January 31, 1891.

FRANK McGRATH,
President State Alliance.

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The Mortgage Indebtedness of Kansas.

At the recent meeting of the National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union at Ocala, Florida, the following resolution was adopted:

In view of the mountain of mortgage debt heaped upon our people through the unjust financial system enacted during and since our unfortunate civil strife, and the notorious unreliability of the United States census concerning the amount of that indebtedness; be it

Resolved, That this national council of the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union recommend to all county alliances throughout the union the appointment of a competent committee to examine the mortgage records of each county and compile accurate statistics upon this subject for the information of the people.

Appreciating the importance of securing correct information upon this subject I hereby most earnestly request all county alliances in the state of Kansas to appoint a competent committee to examine the records of the several counties in accordance with the above resolution, and report the result to THE ADVOCATE. The editor of THE ADVOCATE has consented to compile, tabulate and publish the information so that it will be available as a basis of demands for legislative relief. The investigation should disclose the following facts:

First—The number of farm mortgages in the county.

Second—The amount of these farm mortgages.

Third—the number of mortgages on town and city property.

Fourth—The amount of such mortgages on town and city property.

Fifth—The assessed valuation of the property mortgaged.

Sixth—The number of farm mortgages foreclosed during each of the past five years.

Seventh—The number of foreclosures upon town and city property during each of the past five years.

Eighth—The number of suits now pending against farm, town and city property.

Ninth—The number of mortgages of farm and city property paid during the past five years.

Tenth—The number of farm and city

mortgages released because of transfer of the property to the mortgage company without foreclosure or sheriff's sale.

Eleventh—The number of sheriff's sales of farm, town and city property.

Twelfth—The amount of the chattel mortgage indebtedness in the county.

I most earnestly request each county alliance to act promptly in this matter, as the attainment of this information is of great importance. FRANK McGRATH, President Kansas State Alliance.

Congressional Committee.

The fourth district congressional committee of the people's party is hereby requested to meet in Topeka, January 26, at 10 o'clock a. m., at 417 Kansas avenue, second floor, to consider such questions as may need consideration at that time.

CHARLES W. MARSH,
Chairman.

People's party papers in fourth district please publish.

To the Alliance Brotherhood of Kansas,
Greeting,

TOPEKA, Kan., December 26, 1890.

BRETHREN:—At the behest of our State Alliance, at its last annual session, held at Topeka, October last, a committee was chosen, to be known as insurance committee, said committee being called upon to provide a plan of life insurance for the membership of our order. We, your committee, hereby give notice that we have taken the matter under consideration, and after the most careful and thorough examination, having carefully examined the plans of other like associations, and the laws of the state governing such associations; also conferring with state superintendent in regard to the formulating of our plan, and finally submitting same to him for inspection and approval.

We, your committee, with a goodly degree of satisfaction and confidence, submit and recommend to your favorable consideration the result of our deliberations, with full degree of assurance that in this life plan we have the most economic and at the same time safe insurance yet offered to any people; and in availing ourselves of this opportunity we not only provide for the well-being and comfort of our friends, but also do so at the lowest possible cost to ourselves, and at the same time perfectly reliable and prompt payment of benefits upon the death of a member.

Remember, brothers, ours is instituted for our mutual protection.

The printed matter of this branch of our alliance work is now ready, and each sub-alliance will at once be supplied with samples of same, to be kept in the hands of secretaries for the inspection and information of its members.

Lecturers will also visit each county and represent this as well as other branches of our alliance work.

Information can be had by addressing H. Baughman, secretary, Burrton, Kan., or W. H. Biddle, president, Augusta, Kan.

Friendly papers please copy.

W. H. BIDDLE,
President F. A. B. A.
FRANK McGRATH,
President State Alliance.

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FLORIDA PAPERS.

Ocala—The Reception—The Convention—The Exposition.

Ocala, pronounced with O long and both s's short, is henceforth historic.

The eyes of all America were turned to Ocala while the great alliance convention was in session there. The New York and other metropolitan papers had reporters there from the first. All intelligent, well informed persons understand that the relation which the Farmers' and Laborers, Industrial Union bears to the future of this nation is one of great significance. Magnates and high officials the country over eagerly scanned the reports from that deliberative body.

Ocala demonstrated with waving flags, decorated buildings, and festal garb, her realization of the importance of the occasion. Never were a body of people more elaborately and genuinely welcomed. For the time being, at least, it seemed as if all classes of men, whatever their business, whatever their politics, whether ranking with the "classes or the masses" all believed that the "demands" of the assembled farmers were essential for each and all.

Ocala is a pretty little city of about 4,000 population. There is a fine central public square, the court house therein. Beautiful live oaks and other fine trees all gracefully festooned with the soft gray moss are distributed throughout the little "brick city." Well built, prosperous business buildings surround the square. The Ocala house is large and elegant with every modern convenience. There are fine residences with beautiful yards filled with blooming plants and shrubs. Orange trees, laden with fruit, exquisite roses, fine as any of hot house culture, all in the out-of-door December.

Ocala has the look of all Florida towns (as we later observed) of three-fourths newness and one-fourth old age. Such appearance is quite legitimate. Poor Florida, after the war, had a hard lot, but the new Florida of the last eight and ten years has taken wondrous new life and prosperity, and this new development is but just begun. Florida has wonderful resources and a splendid future. Of these great resources and possibilities we shall write more hereafter. The next five and ten years will see wonderful progress in delightful Florida.

The semi-tropical exposition buildings are about one mile from the court house. The grounds are beautifully laid out. The main building is large and attractive, built for permanent use, as it is the purpose to make these displays of Florida productions annually. The present exposition will continue ninety days. If there is anything good to eat, anything luscious and tempting not spread out on those long tables we surely cannot remember to have heard of it. Just to enumerate the delicious fruits displayed would take a page of THE ADVOCATE. Pine apples, numberless varieties of oranges, bananas apparently growing in the building, watermelons, guavas, grape fruit, lemons, shaddock, Japanese persimmons—these are but a small part of the fruit display.

The formal opening of the exposition was a ceremonious affair. Addressees of welcome by President Rodgers of the State Alliance, by the mayor of Ocala and by Governor Fleming, were responded to by President L. L. Polk and others. Three Kansans were honored by invitations to participate in the exercises. S. M. Scott led the assembly in singing one of his original songs. J. F. Willits spoke briefly, and Mrs. A. L. Diggs responded to a call.

Another time we will tell of the phos-

phate discoveries and also of other events and impressions of the country and the people.

The most grizzly and faded beard can be colored beautifully by Buckingham's Dye.

Wanted.

We desire to secure ten reliable, energetic, reliable young men who can furnish good references, to come here at once and complete either the shorthand or business course. To the above number of young men of the right stamp we will guarantee positions as soon as they shall have completed their course. The Kansas City Business University, Kansas City, Mo.

Patents.

Higdon & Higdon, Washington associate, late examiner United States patent office for twelve years, patent lawyers, solicitors of American and foreign patents, rooms 55 and 56 Hall building, Kansas City, Mo., and 36 Le Droit building, Washington, D. C., report the following list of patents issued during the week ending December 22, 1890. By applying to either office a printed copy of any patent here named can be obtained for 25 cents in stamps. Send for book of instructions free of charge:

Kansas—Embellishing wood, Land & Buskirk, Fort Scott; stockwater trough, Wesley Kouns, Salina; automatic coal cage, Abner W. Davidson, Leavenworth.

Special Notice

To parties intending to visit the city during the session of the legislature. THE ADVOCATE office will keep a register of the hotels and boarding houses, and also of those desiring to take roomers during the legislative session. Location, terms and particulars will be kept in register, which will be open to all our visitors.

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KANSAS FARMER FOR 1891.

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The Alliance department will contain all official matter of the Alliance, Grange and F. M. B. A., as well as important state and national news of the "Farmers' Movement." Send for sample copy. Agents wanted. Address, KANSAS FARMER CO., Topeka, Kan.